

# PROSPECTUS

for the

## **67th Annual Convention**

of the

***CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CONFERENCE***

**June 22, 23, 24, 2018**

with the

**PASTORAL CONFERENCE on June 19th and 20th**

and the

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING on June 21st**

at

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Sixth and Tangent Streets**

**Lebanon, Oregon 97355**

**The Rev. Paul E. Bloedel, Pastor**

**CONVENTION MOTTO**

**The Vital Importance of Law and Gospel Preaching**

**II Timothy 2:15**

## I. REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE 2018 CONVENTION —

### A. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT (Pastor Edward J. Worley)

This report will set forth the state of the Conference, review the work of the Conference during the past fiscal year, and guide the activities of the Conference in convention assembled.

### B. REPORT OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE (The Vice President and the Secretary)

This committee, in consultation with the local pastor, is responsible for news coverage of the convention. No release to the press is to be regarded as official information from our Conference unless approved by this committee.

### C. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN UNION (Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman)

This committee will bring our Conference up to date on the Committee's contacts with representatives of other Lutheran *church bodies*, if any, as well as pastors of any *independent* congregations, with the view toward establishing Godpleasing fellowship.

### D. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS (Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman)

Any progress or difficulties relating to our Conference mission programs and outreach, including the vital need for continuing support of our mission endeavors, will be presented by this committee, as well as any request for financial subsidy from any sister congregation needing assistance.

### E. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (Pastor Edward J. Worley, Chairman)

A review of the committee's work during the past year regarding our program for training faithful pastors for the future will be presented. Since we have no students at present, there will be no special *interest reports* from the professors or from seminary students.

### F. REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE (Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman)

This report will contain a review of the official organ of our Conference, the *CONCORDIA LUTHERAN*, as well as a report on any books and tracts edited by the second pastoral member of the committee, Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, and authorized by him for printing by *Scriptural Publications*.

### G. REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE BOARD OF CONTROL (Pastor Robert J. Lietz, Chairman)

This report will highlight the printing and dissemination of Conference materials by our publishing house, *Scriptural Publications*. This will include the printing and mailing of the *CONCORDIA LUTHERAN*, the maintenance of the Conference Web page, and the printing of Sunday School materials, authorized new tracts, booklets and books, as well as documentary and instructional material that is already the published position of the Conference. The financial and logistical aspects of this work will be reported on by the Business Manager of *Scriptural Publications*, Mr. Martin L. Trusty.

### H. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Robert G. Bloedel, Chairman)

This report will review the past fiscal year and propose an operating budget for the coming fiscal year, June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. A draft of its proposed fiscal budget should normally be in the hands of the congregations for study by the end of March and is included as the last page of this PROSPECTUS, but final ratification is always subject to the action of the convention.

**II. CONVENTION ESSAY** — The doctrinal essay, in keeping with this year’s convention motto, is entitled: *“The Vital Importance of Preaching Both Law and Gospel in Every Sermon.”* It will be delivered on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon by the Rev. David T. Mensing.

**III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** — This committee is appointed on the floor of the convention by the Vice President.

**IV. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR CONVENTION BUSINESS —**

**A. AUDITING COMMITTEE:** Pastor Daniel P. Mensing, Chairman

Delegate from ST. JOHN’S: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate from TRINITY: \_\_\_\_\_

This committee is authorized to receive the audit of the Treasurer's records for the past fiscal year, such audit having been prepared by 2 or 3 members of the congregation of which the Treasurer is a member, to make any additional review of the books or records it may deem necessary, and present its report on the floor of the convention. It shall also prepare a similar report concerning the records of the Business Manager of our publishing house.

**B. COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION & EXCUSES:** Pastor David J. Mensing, Chairman

Delegate from ST. MARK’S: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate from PEACE: \_\_\_\_\_

This committee has the responsibility of the proper seating of delegates. It will examine the credentials of the delegates of each member congregation in order to determine their voting privileges, and report to the convention. It is also in charge of convention registration and will receive any excuse for non-attendance of registered delegates. **(By-Law #4)**

**C. NOMINATING & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Pastor Robert J. Lietz, Chairman

Delegate from ST. LUKE’S: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate from PEACE: \_\_\_\_\_

Slates of candidates for the Standing Committees are prepared by this committee, although additional slates may be nominated from the convention floor. It also conducts and supervises the election of Conference officers and committees by ballot vote of the delegates. **(By-Laws #2 & #4; Constitution, Article V,1)**

**D. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, Chairman

Delegate from ST. JOHN’S: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate from ST. LUKE’S: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the responsibility of this committee to prepare formal resolutions originating in its own midst or referred to it by the convention, and to lay them before the entire convention assembled for action.

**NOTE:** Each congregation is requested to decide which of its delegates it desires to serve on the above committees, so that the Lord's gifts in each of us may be put to the best use in His Kingdom. Each pastor should give this information to our President at the beginning of the convention.

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS tabled or carried over from the previous convention —

None, except for on-going matters in the hands of standing or *ad hoc* committees for further report to and action by the delegates in convention assembled.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS —

- A. RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.** If any congregations have made application for membership according to ARTICLE IV of our **Constitution**, their application is acted upon during the first session of the convention. Upon the assurance of the Conference President or a committee appointed by him that the conditions of membership are complied with, new members are accepted by unanimous resolution of the convention.
- B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES** is conducted by the convention committee appointed for this purpose (See page 2.) Term limits are NOT a factor this year (*Constitution*, Art. XI): Both the President and Vice President can be re-elected at the pleasure of the delegates since each has served only one term. The other officers do not have constitutional term limits.
- C. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Board has the constitutional privilege of bringing special recommendations directly to the floor of the convention. (The Board's regularly scheduled meeting in advance of the convention will be held, God-willing, on **Thursday, June 21st**. This will give the officers, chairmen of standing committees, and board members-at-large opportunity to discuss in detail matters pertaining to the business of our Conference and to formulate any specific recommendations to bring before the convention for consideration by the delegates.)
- D. ACTION ON SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES** as proposed in their respective reports, recommendations which require action by the Conference in convention assembled, especially, but not limited to, subsidy requests.
- E. MEMORIALS TO THE CONVENTION** that are submitted by congregations of the Conference (**By-Law #5**). None have been submitted as of this printing.
- F. INVITATIONS TO HOST THE 68th ANNUAL CONVENTION** to be held God-willing on **June 28, 29 and 30, 2019**. Congregations contemplating such an invitation should be prepared to extend it through their delegates on the floor of this present convention at the time designated on the printed agenda.
- G. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE**, if any. These must be presented in writing to the Conference in convention assembled, and each proposed change shall be voted on separately. A **two-thirds majority** of all votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption of a **constitutional** amendment, while a **simple majority** shall be required for passage of amendments to the **By-Laws**. Changes and amendments shall be in effect if and when subsequently **ratified by two-thirds** of the member congregations in a **referendum** — a **simple majority** of the congregations in the case of changes in the **By-Laws**.
- H. ADOPTION OF A FISCAL BUDGET FOR 2018-2019.** According to the *Constitution*, Article IX,1,e,3, the **Finance Committee** is to present its proposed budget to the local congregations for their study no later than two months before the end of each fiscal year. Its proposal is also included in the **Prospectus** on the following page. ● Action on all subsidy requests will be handled in connection with the budget.

**PROPOSED BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STUDENT AID FUND</b>
Cash available, June 1, 2018 .....	\$ 15,207.68	\$ 49,347.88

**ANTICIPATED INCOME:**

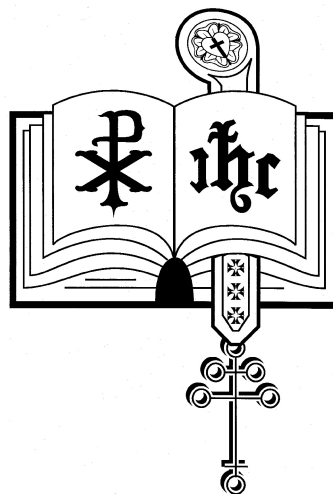
Source	Amount	
<b>Good Shepherd</b> , Tucson (Pledged)	\$ 0.00	\$ -----
<b>Peace</b> , Oak Forest (Pledged)	6,000.00	-----
<b>St. John's</b> , Lebanon (Pledged)	4,800.00	2,400.00
<b>St. Luke's</b> , Seattle (Pledged)	14,004.00	-----
<b>St. Mark's</b> , Sauk Village (Pledged)	0.00	-----
<b>Trinity</b> , Oak Park (Pledged)	0.00	-----
Other	-----	-----
Convention Offering (Estimated)	900.00	-----
<b>TOTAL Pledges and Other Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,704.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Available for the Purpose of Budgeting ...</b>	<b>\$ 40,911.68</b> .....	<b>\$ 51,747.88</b>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:**

Budget Item	Proposed Budgets	
	GENERAL FUND	STUDENT AID FUND
<i>Scriptural Publications</i> Subsidy	\$ 1,500.00	—
Ekaterinburg Salary Subsidy*	12,000.00	—
Ekaterinburg Rental Subsidy*	2,400.00	—
St. Mark's, Sauk Village, Salary Subsidy*	8,400.00	—
Good Shepherd, Tucson, Salary Subsidy*	10,800.00	—
General Travel Expense	2,400.00	—
Convention Expense (By-Law 1,c)	1,000.00	—
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGETS for 2018-2019</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*Based on LAST year's request. New requests have not yet been received to date by the Committee on Missions (Cf. *Constitution*, Article IX, 3, c).

Your **Finance Committee**: Mr. Phillip R. Martin; Mr. Paul Natterer;  
Mr. Jerry C. Sidwell; Mr. Robert G. Bloedel, Chairman



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